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TO: Federal Agencies and Departments

FROM: Reginald W. Griffith *Reginald W. Griffith*
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Preservation and Historic Features
element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital

At its meeting on January 10, 1985, the Commission authorized circulation for review and comment of an amendment to the Federal Preservation and Historic Features element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. The amendment consists of the addition of a map of Special Streets and Places and a reference to the map in the text of the element.

The map, except for a few minor modifications, is the same map of Special Streets and Places contained in the Preservation and Historic Features element circulated for comment prior to approval by the Commission on August 4, 1983, conditional on its approval by the Council of the District of Columbia.

The map has been derived from the adopted element's criteria for the designation of Special Streets and Places and is substantially the same as is currently being considered for adoption by the District of Columbia government.

Please forward any comments or recommendations before February 15th, as the Commission is expecting to take action on the amendment at its March meeting. If you have any questions concerning the amendment, please contact Edward C. Hromanik, Director of Planning and Programming on 724-0171.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL:
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
FEDERAL PRESERVATION AND HISTORIC FEATURES ELEMENT -
SPECIAL STREETS AND PLACES MAP

Executive Director's Recommendation

January 3, 1985

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission authorize presentation of the following amendment to the Federal Preservation and Historic Features element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital to appropriate Federal and District of Columbia authorities and other interested organizations and individuals for comments and recommendations, pursuant to Section 4(e) of the National Capital Planning Act of 1952, as amended:

1. Add at the end of the section titled "Criteria for Designating Special Streets and Places", Part III, the following:

"3. The network of Special Streets and Places designated according to the above criteria is shown on Diagram No. 1, Special Streets and Places."

2. Add to the element Diagram No. 1, Special Streets and Places, dated January 3, 1985, NCPC Map File No. 08.20/100.00-29557.

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Previous Commission Action

The proposed Preservation and Historic Features element, published by the District government and the National Capital Planning Commission on March 17, 1983, included a map depicting the network of Special Streets and Places designated under the proposed element's criteria.

In addition, the Commission included a map of Special Streets and Places in its August 4, 1983 action, which approved the Preservation element as a Federal element conditional on its approval by the Council of the District of Columbia. The Council, however, did not include a map of Special Streets and Places in Law 5-76, which contained a Preservation and Historic Features element among its 10 District elements. Therefore, when the Commission, on May 3, 1984, approved changes conforming the Federal Preservation and Historic Features element to the District Preservation and Historic Features element adopted by Law 5-76, the map of Special Streets and Places was not included.

The District Council is now considering Bill 5-507, the purpose of which is to adopt a District Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and, among other amendments to the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Act of 1984, to include in Section 808 of Law 5-76 a "Comprehensive Plan Special Streets and Places Map." The Committee of the Whole of the District Council, in its report, recommends that the Commission adopt a Special Streets and Places Map substantially identical to the map contained in Bill 5-507.

Description

All versions of the Preservation and Historic Features element have contained "Criteria for Designating Special Streets and Places." Furthermore, the joint proposed element and the August 1983 Federal element both contained a map of Special Streets and Places. The map is really a graphic representation of the Criteria mentioned above and, as such, more positively identifies those Streets and Places that are Special and which should be protected.

The map which is currently contained in Bill 5-507 as an amendment to the District Preservation and Historic Features element is made up of the Streets and Places which have been identified as Special by the Commission and by the District government. An updated list of Special Streets and Places, to be included as an appendix to the proposed element, is attached to assist in the review of the map.

Special Street	From	To
15th Street, NW	Maine Avenue, SW	McPherson Square
17th Street, NW	Independence Avenue, SW	Farragut Square
23rd Street, NW, SW	K Street, NW	Ohio Drive, SW
Beach Drive	National Zoological Park	DC-MD Line
Broad Branch Road	Beach Drive	Nebraska Avenue, NW
Canal Road & Foxhall Road	M Street, NW	MacArthur Boulevard, NW
MacArthur Boulevard	Foxhall Road, NW	Dalecarlia Reservoir
Ohio Drive	Independence Avenue, SW	Maine Avenue via Haines Point
Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway	Lincoln Memorial	National Zoological Park
Suitland Parkway	South Capitol Street	Southern Avenue, SW
Anacostia Freeway (I-295)	South Capitol Street	Capital Beltway
Southwest-Southeast Freeway	Washington Channel Bridge	Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Key Bridge (and approaches)	M Street, NW	Rosslyn Circle
Theodore Roosevelt Bridge	23rd Street, NW	U.S. 50
(and approaches)		
Fourteenth Street Bridges	Independence Avenue, SW	Interstate 395
(and approaches)		
Anacostia River Crossing	Barney Circle, SE	E. Capitol Street
(proposed construction)		

SPECIAL PLACESSpecial Places

U.S. Capitol Grounds and Reflecting Pool
(between 1st Street NE & 3rd Street NW)
Constitution Gardens (Constitution Avenue
between 17th & 23rd Streets, NW)
Jefferson Memorial Grounds (East Potomac Park, SW)
Lincoln Memorial Grounds and Reflecting Pool
(Center of Mall, bet. 17th & 23rd Streets, NW)
The Mall (3rd to 14th Street between Constitu-
tion & Independence Avenues, NW)
Supreme Court Grounds (E. Capitol Street between
1st & 2nd Streets, NE)
Union Station and Columbus Plaza (Massachusetts
Avenue & 1st Street, NE)
Washington Monument Grounds (the Mall between
14th & 17th Streets, NW)
White House and Ellipse Grounds
Banneker Plaza, SW (10th Street overlook)
Bolivar Park (square, Interior Dept.)
Cardozo High School (campus, 14th & Florida, NW)
Farragut Square (17th & K Streets, NW)
Folger Square (2nd & N. Carolina, SE)
Franklin Park (square, 14th & K Streets, NW)
Gallery Place (old Patent Office) (F & G
Streets, between 7th & 9th Streets, NW)
Garfield Park (square, First & New Jersey,
Streets, SE)
Judiciary Square (D & F Streets between 4th
& 6th Streets, NW)
Kelly Park (square, 21st & Virginia Streets, NW)
Lafayette Square (16th & H Streets, NW)
L'Enfant Plaza (10th Street, SW)
Lincoln Park (square) (E. Capitol Street,
between 11th & 13th Streets, SE)
Marion Park (square, 5th & S. Carolina, SE)
Market Square & Archives (Pennsylvania Avenue
between 7th & 9th Streets, SE)
John Marshall Place (4th Street & Pennsylvania
Avenue, NW)
Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park (16th Street,
between W Street & Euclid, NW)
McPherson Square (K Street & Vermont Avenue, NW)
Monroe Park (square, 20th & Pennsylvania
Avenue, NW)
Mount Vernon Square - (Massachusetts & NY
Avenues, NW)

Special Places

Scott Circle (16th St & Massachusetts Avenue, NW)
Sheridan Circle (23rd & Massachusetts Avenue, NW)
Tenley Circle (and Fort Drive to Fort Reno, NW)
Thomas Circle (14th Street & Massachusetts Avenue, NW)
Ward Circle (Massachusetts & Nebraska Avenues, NW)
Washington Circle (23rd Street & Pa. Avenue, NW)
Wesley Circle & Friendship Park
(Massachusetts & 42nd, NW)
Westmoreland Circle (Massachusetts & Western Aves., NW)
Circle, Potomac & Pennsylvania, SE
Circle, new, terminus of Maryland, NE
Portal Park, new, East Capitol & Southern Avenue
Barnard Hill Park (Eastern Avenue between Randolph
& Varnum Streets, NE)
Battery Kemble (Palisades Park)
Carter Barron Amphitheatre (16th Street & Colorado
Avenue, NW)
Congressional Cemetery (17th & E Streets, SE)
Dalecarlia Reservoir & Parkway (MacArthur Blvd.
at Loughboro)
Frederick Douglass Memorial Home (W Street
between 14th & 15th Streets, SE)
Dunbarton Oaks Park, Montrose Park, & Oak Hill
Hill Cemetery (R Street between 27th & 32nd
Streets, NW)
Fort McNair - (4th & P Streets, SW)
Fort Bayard Park (Western Avenue at River Road, NW)
Fort Bunker Hill Park (Otis Street between 13th &
14th Streets, NW)
Fort Carroll Park (Shepherd Parkway) (So. Capitol
& Martin Luther King Avenue, SE)
Fort Chaplin Park (E. Capitol Street at 40th
Street, SE)
Fort Davis Park (from Fort Dupont to Pennsylvania
Avenue, SE)
Fort DeRussy (Rock Creek Park north of Military
Road, NW)
Fort Dupont Park (Massachusetts Avenue at
Minnesota Avenue, SE)
Fort Greble Park (Shepherd Parkway) (Near Nichols
Avenue & Elmira Street, SE)
Fort Lincoln (in Fort Lincoln new town) (Eastern
Avenue at Bladensburg Road, NE)
Fort Mahan Park (Benning Road & 42nd Street, NE)

LIST OF SPECIAL STREETS AND PLACES

SPECIAL STREETS

Special Street	From	To
North Capitol Street	Louisiana Avenue	New Hampshire Avenue
East Capitol Street	First Street	Southern Avenue
South Capitol Street	Independence Avenue	Portland Street
16th Street, NW	Lafayette Square	Eastern Avenue, NW
Connecticut Avenue	Lafayette Square	Western Avenue, NW
Constitution Avenue	Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway	2nd Street, NE
Delaware Avenue	"Eye" Street, SW	M Street, SW
Delaware Avenue	Constitution Avenue, NE	Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Eastern Avenue	16th Street, NW	Southern Avenue, NE
Florida Avenue	Massachusetts Avenue, NW	Bladensburg Road, NE
Georgia Avenue	Florida Avenue, NW	Eastern Avenue, NW
Independence Avenue	23rd Street, SW	2nd Street, SE
Indiana Avenue	Pennsylvania Avenue, NW	Judiciary Square
Kenilworth Avenue	Baltimore-Washington Parkway	East Capitol Street
Kentucky Avenue	Lincoln Park	Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Louisiana Avenue	Constitution Avenue, NW	Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Maine Avenue	15th Street, SW	M Street, SW
Maryland Avenue	14th Street, SW	First Street, SW
Maryland Avenue	First Street, NE	M Street, NE
Massachusetts Avenue	19th Street, SE	Western Avenue, NW
Memorial Avenue & Bridge	Lincoln Memorial	Arlington Cemetery
New Hampshire Avenue	Kennedy Center	Florida Avenue, NW
New Hampshire Avenue	N. Capitol Street	Eastern Avenue, NW
New Jersey Avenue	Constitution Avenue, NW	Florida Avenue, NW
New Jersey Avenue	Independence Avenue, SE	M Street, SE
New York Avenue	17th Street, NW	18th Street, NW
New York Avenue	15th Street, NW	Eastern Avenue, NE
North Carolina Avenue	New Jersey Avenue, SE	C Street, NE (included)
Pennsylvania Avenue	First Street, NW	15th Street, NW
Pennsylvania Avenue	15th Street, NW	M Street, NW
Pennsylvania Avenue	2nd Street, SE	Southern Avenue, SE
Potomac Avenue	1st Street, SW	First Street, SE
Potomac Avenue	K Street, SE	19th Street, SE
Rhode Island Avenue	Connecticut Avenue, NW	Eastern Avenue, NE
South Carolina Avenue	2nd Street, SE	Independence Avenue, SE
Southern Avenue	Eastern Avenue, NE	South Capitol Street
Tennessee Avenue, NE	Lincoln Park	15th Street, NE
15th Street, NE	Tennessee Avenue, NE	Maryland Avenue, NE
Vermont Avenue	Lafayette Square	Florida Avenue, NW
Virginia Avenue	Constitution Avenue, NW	Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway
Western Avenue	Massachusetts Avenue, NW	Oregon Avenue, NW
Wisconsin Avenue	K Street, NW	Western Avenue, NW
Canal Street, SW	Independence Avenue, SW	South Capitol Street
F Street, NW	15th Street, NW	Center Leg Freeway
G Street, NW	15th Street, NW	Center Leg Freeway
K Street, NW, NE	Key Bridge	Florida Avenue, NE
M Street, NW	Pennsylvania Avenue, NW	Canal Road
M Street, SW	Maine Avenue, SW	Virginia Avenue, SE
Portland Street, SE	Martin Luther King Avenue, SE	McDill Boulevard, Bolling AFB
First Street, NE, SE	Massachusetts Avenue, NE	New Jersey Avenue, SE
2nd Street, NE, SE	F Street, NE	C Street, SE
4th Street, NW	D Street, NW	G Street, NW
5th Street, NW	Indiana Avenue	G Street, NW
7th Street, NW	Maine Avenue, SW	Florida Avenue, NW
8th Street, NW	Pennsylvania Avenue, NW	Florida Avenue, NW
8th Street, SE, NE	Navy Yard	Massachusetts Avenue, NE
9th Street, NW	Pennsylvania Avenue, NW	Florida Avenue, NW
10th Street Mall SW	Independence Avenue, SW	Maine Avenue, SW

Special Places

Edward R. Murrow Park (square, 18th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
 Pershing Park (Pennsylvania Avenue between 14th & 15th Streets, NW)
 Rawlins Park & E Street Mall (18th to 20th Streets, NW)
 San Martin Square (20th & Virginia Streets, NW)
 Seward Square (5th & Pennsylvania Avenue, SE)
 Stanton Park (5th & Maryland Avenue, NE)
 Square, 8th & Pennsylvania Avenue, SE)
 Square, new, Southeast Federal Center (M Street, SE)
 Twining Square (Pennsylvania & Minnesota Aves., SE)
 Western Plaza - (Pennsylvania Avenue between 13th & 14th Streets, NW)
 Bryce Park (Wisconsin & Massachusetts Streets, NW)
 Barney Circle (Pennsylvania Avenue & 17th Sts., SE)
 Blair Portal (circle, 16th & Eastern Avenue, NW)
 Chevy Chase Circle (Connecticut Avenue at Western Avenue, NW)
 Dupont Circle (Connecticut Avenue & 19th Street, NW)
 Juarez Circle (New Hampshire & Virginia, NW)
 Logan Circle (13th Street & Vermont Avenue, NW)
 Naval Observatory Circle (Massachusetts Avenue at 34th Street, NW)
 Rabaut Park (16th & Columbia Road, NW)
 Randle Circle (entrance to Fort Dupont) (Massachusetts Avenue & Minnesota Avenue, SE)
 Southeast Waterfront (Federal Center and Navy Yard) - (M Street, SE)
 Southwest Waterfront (14th Street to Fort McNair, SW)
 Bolling AFB, Headquarters Quadrangle, SW
 International Center (Connecticut & Van Ness Streets, NW)
 Kennedy Center for Performing Arts (New Hampshire Avenue at F Street)
 Kennedy Stadium/Armory Complex (E. Capitol Street, east of 19th Street, SE)
 Marine Barracks (8th & G Streets, SE)
 Navy Yard (original part) (M Street, SE)
 "O" Street Market (8th Street, NW)
 Walter Reed Medical Center (western part) (16th Street at Aspen Street, NW)

Special Places

Fort Reno Park (Nebraska Avenue & Fissenden St. NW)
 Fort Slocum Park (Kansas Avenue at Madison Street, NW)
 Fort Stanton Park (W Street at 18th Streets, SE)
 Fort Reno Reservoirs (Nebraska Avenue & Fissenden Streets, NW)
 Fort Totten Park - (Fort Totten Drive at Farragut, NE)
 Hains Point (Top of E. Potomac Park, SW)
 Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens - (Anacostia Avenue at Douglas Street, NE)
 Lady Bird Johnson Park (SW of Arlington Memorial Bridge)
 McMillan Park & Reservoir - (1st Street and Michigan Avenue, NW)
 National Arboretum (central area, Mount Hamilton and Hickey Hill) (New York Avenue, NE)
 National Zoological Park (Connecticut Avenue at Cathedral Avenue, NW)
 Old Observatory Hill (23rd & E Streets, NW)
 Rock Creek Nature Center (Rock Creek Park at Military Road, NW)
 Theodore Roosevelt Island (Potomac River, near Rock Creek)
 Soldiers Home (historic area National Cemetery and Rock Creek Cemetery) (N. Capitol Street between Irving & Gallatin Streets, NW)
 Georgetown Waterfront (along Potomac River, between 28th Street and 36th Streets, NW)
 W. Potomac Park (FDR site, Tidal Basin) (West & So. of Lincoln Memorial, NW and SW)
 South Capitol Waterfront (including Buzzard Point), SW
 Washington Convention Center (New York Avenue between 9th & 11th Streets, NW)
 Franciscan Monastery (14th Street & Quincy Street, NE)
 National Cathedral (Wisconsin Avenue)
 National Presbyterian Church (Nebraska Avenue & Van Ness Streets, NW)
 Shrine of Immaculate Conception (Michigan Avenue & 4th Street, NE)
 American University (old campus) (Massachusetts & Nebraska Avenues, NW)
 Catholic University (central campus) (Michigan Avenue & 4th Streets, NE)
 University of District of Columbia (Van Ness campus) (Connecticut Avenue at Van Ness Street, NW)
 Gallaudet College (central campus) (Florida & W. Virginia Avenues, NE)
 Georgetown University (old campus) (37th & O Sts., NW)
 Howard University (central campus) (6th & College Streets, NW)



Diagram No. 1
FEDERAL PRESERVATION AND HISTORIC FEATURES

SPECIAL STREETS AND PLACES

Legend:

- Special Streets
- - - Special Streets (proposed construction)
- Special Places

